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FOR : IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS WITH OPERATING MEMBER
HAVING FIRST AND SECOND POSITIONS FOR IMAGE PICKUP
AND REPRODUCTION MODES AND WITH A FORCED THIRD
POSITION WHEN NOT OPERATED BY A USER
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